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**"You'd better stop eating  
sweets, Al. There's a  
blemish right there!"**





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# POST MORTEM OFFICE

Dear Beast Fiends:

The article I enjoyed most in F.M.O. No. 4 was the one about Vincent Price and Christopher Lee. With this letter, I've enclosed a picture of a pal of mine, Rob Dixon, made up as the Invisible Man. I would be grateful for life if you would print it in your magazine. Some of us are making an 8mm movie called "Hands of Orlac" after the movie starring Mel Ferrer. May your magazine continue for 299 years!

Steve Peppiatt

Newmarket, Ont., Canada

*299 years? Let's hope we can last for another 100 years. Most of our staff keeps flying off on brooms and we never see them.*



Dear Screamer's:

Maybe you can help me. I want a dog for a pet, but my parents say I can't have one because we live in a four room apartment and they claim it's not right to keep a dog in such a small place. Do you have any idea where I can get a pet? I would give anything to have an animal for my very own.

Karl Richards  
Hartford, Conn.

*We're with you, Karl. We believe every boy should have a pet. So in a few weeks, you'll be receiving, by mail, a nice Transylvanian bird. Here's a photo so*

*you can see what he looks like. Give him a good home, Karl.*



Dear Monster Folk:

Your monster magazine is the greatest for all true monster lovers. Here's a photo of me in my latest outfit for grave-digging. How do you like it?

Frank Dirzins  
Seymour, Conn.

*We dig you the most, Frank!*



Dear Sirs:

I was wondering if you could print an article on how the "She Creature" is made up for the movies?

Zane Zachary  
Seattle, Wash.

*We don't know how. If anybody knows, let F.M.O. know. We're still working on how they make up Flipper for TV.*

Dear Ghoul Gang:

You and your bunch of writers and artists are the greatest in this world. FOR MONSTERS ONLY Magazine always sends chills up and down my spine. I fell out of my casket laughing over the story, "Gunspook" (Sept. issue). Do more articles on Western monsters, and I'll keep buying your screaming magazine.

Johnny Oakley,  
Salt Lake City, Utah

*Transylvania has many famous Western heroes—such men as Jessie Germs, Wyatt Zulp and Bats-In-The-Belfry Masterson. They all died with their boots and fangs on.*



Dear Vampires of America:

I was visiting my nearest Wolfman's barber shop (my hair was getting too long—from 6 to 8 feet long!) when I picked up my first issue of FOR MONSTERS ONLY. I laughed with joy. I love it. I can't wait to get my 47 purple hands on the next issue!

Randy Fletcher  
Charleston, W. Va.

*47 purple hands?! I bet that when you were in the barber shop, you didn't get a manicure.*



If you feel like dropping us a line, write us at:

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**Dear Tomb-Dwellers:**

I'd have written sooner, but I ran out of blood. I just visited my neighborhood bloodbank last night for a refill. The other midnight, upon returning home after my nightly bit of blood, I was pacing my tomb with nothing to do when to my happy terror, the Ghostman dropped off your latest issue of **FOR MONSTERS ONLY**. I spent the rest of the night hanging from the ceiling, growling to myself, as I enjoyed F.M.O. I certainly enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Fleaming Bluggs' Transylvanian Family Album. Congratulate Grandmother Wetmess for me for the beautiful way she destroyed that city block. Say "Hi!" to all those vampire pals of mine, especially Count Dracula. Hurry those issues. I want something to do at midnight.

Judy Livingston  
Detroit, Mich.

*Thanks for the letter, Judy. We said "Hi!" to the vampires, and they told us to tell you that if you're ever in Transylvania, drop in for a bite—lunch, that is!*

**Dear Fiends:**

I have just read **FOR MONSTERS ONLY** for the first time, and loved the entire magazine. I'm 18-years-old and still love monsters very much. I always dreamed of being born a vampire. I would like to play in monster pictures. People say I can act pretty well. Does it really cost \$6.14 a month to live in Transylvania? My boyfriend and I plan to visit there.

Patricia Misino  
New York, N.Y.

*\$6.14 should do it—that's if you don't tip big.*

**Dear Mummies and Dummies:**

I just can't write a letter. How does that grab you? It's Saturday night, and we monsters can only

write a few lines because we have to go to a crab grass-picking contest in the local cemetery. My cousin is staying with me. He's O.K., but the only problem is that he has to be chained down in the celler because we don't have an extra coffin for him. Even though my coffin is king-size, I don't want him in there with me. He snores!

Ronald Boone  
Channelview, Tex.

*We have a Murphy coffin. It pulls out of the side of the tomb.*

**Dear Horror Nuts:**

What did the Mummy do before he died?

Milton Berger  
Smithtown, N.Y.

*Nothing much. He just sat around the house making bandages.*

**Dear Graveyard Citizens:**

I am 14-years-old and a high school student. My favorite subjects are history and art. For the last 3 years, I have been collecting magazines on monsters. So far, I have over 375 of these type magazines. In my spare time, I enjoy drawing. Enclosed you will find an ink drawing I did of my brother, Tommy. He didn't like it. I wonder why?

Dave Collington  
Nashville, Tenn.

*We liked the drawing. Maybe your brother is angry because you caught his bad side. Next time, draw the back of his head.*



**Dear Sirs:**

First, I just want to say your magazine is tops. Second, I hope you'll print this little poem which I've dedicated to you in your letters column. Keep F.M.O. coming.

**HORROR ANYONE?**

*Take a black coffin,  
Fresh from a tomb;  
Cast in a vampire,  
Wrapped in night's dark gloom...*

*Add a touch of werewolves,  
Baying at the moon;  
Don't forget a cackling witch,  
Stirring with a crooked spoon...*

*Turn these loose to walk,  
The cold dark night;  
And when they are done,  
Cry HORROR ANYONE?*

Lewis Sanders,  
(No address given.)

**FOR MONSTERS ONLY** has a poetry editor, Henry Wadsworth Longfiend, and he claims you have talent, Lewis. Longfiend's poems haven't been published yet, but the walls of his tomb are filled with them. Here's a photo of good, old Henry just for you.

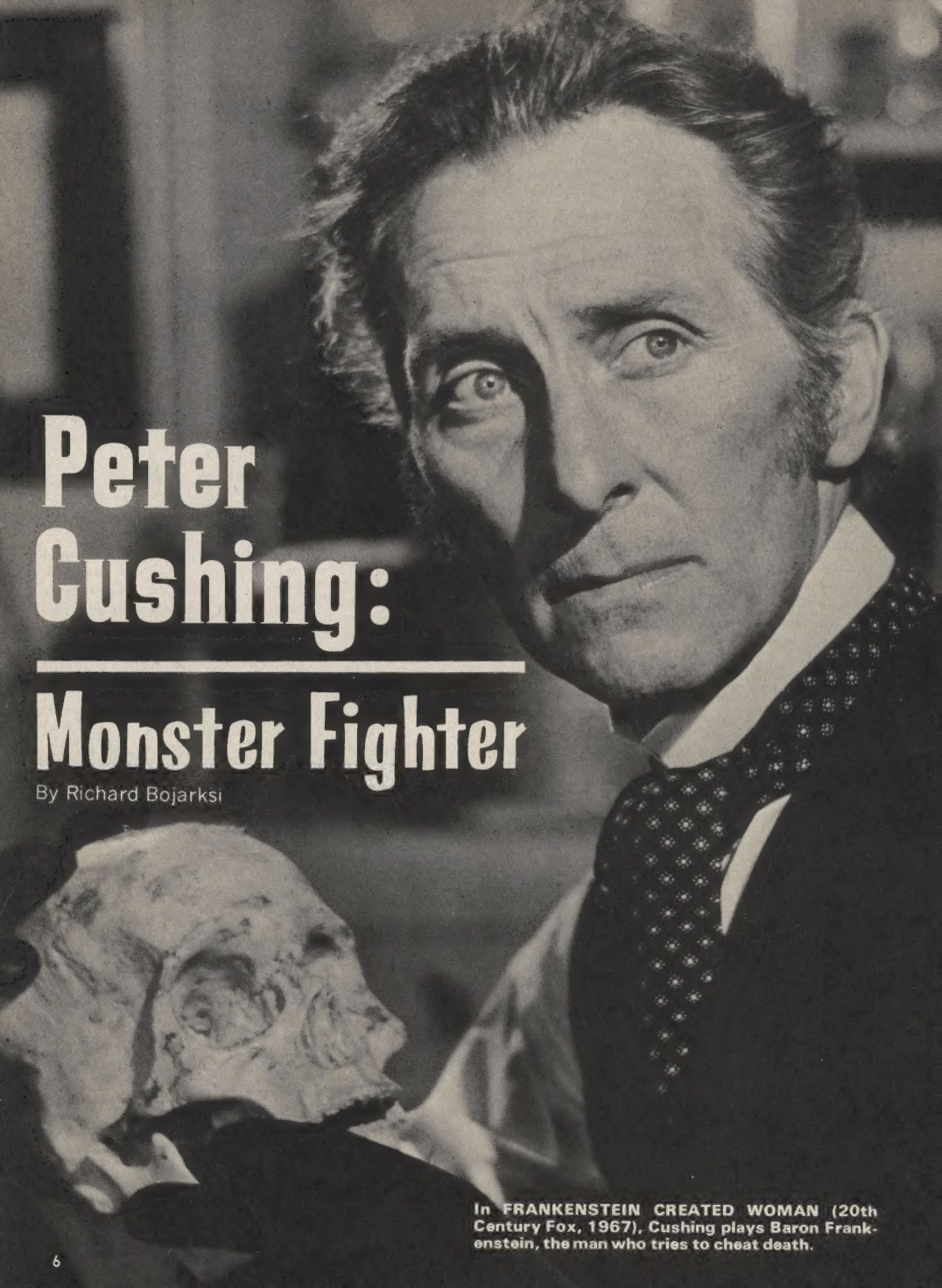


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# Peter Cushing: Monster Fighter

By Richard Bojarski

In **FRANKENSTEIN CREATED WOMAN** (20th Century Fox, 1967), Cushing plays Baron Frankenstein, the man who tries to cheat death.



Ever since the productions of Hammer Films appeared on the screen over a decade ago and helped flesh out and add new vigor to the horror cycle back in the fifties, two actors were lifted from anonymity and were transported to the synthetic world of monsters, violence and supernatural mischief in Gothic settings that only the flexible

medium of the cinema can create. To millions of horror enthusiasts, Chris Lee represented evil, and Peter personified the "forces of good" in eternal combat with it. Cushing's fresh, forceful interpretations of Baron Frankenstein and Dr. Van Helsing in Hammer's remakes of "FRANKENSTEIN" and "DRACULA" established for him a niche in



Cushing, a knife in his chest, lies on his bed, a vic tim of the curse of **THE SKULL** (Paramount, 1965).



Getting a closer look at the ghastly jinx is Cushing in the thrill-packed feature, **THE SKULL** (Paramount, 1965).

Horror History alongside Chaney Sr. and Jr., Karloff and Lugosi.

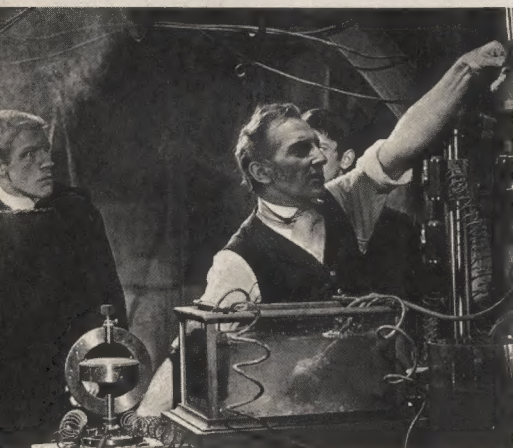
Peter Cushing was born 54 years ago (May 26, 1913) to an ordinary, middle class family in a village suburb of Surrey, England. Cushing the elder was a quantity surveyor and expected young Peter to follow in his footsteps. But young Peter burned with theatrical ambitions, and after 4 years as a surveyor's assistant, he gave up his slide rule forever and succeeded in obtaining his first stage role in J.B. Priestley's "CORNELIUS". When there were no other parts available, Cushing accepted the position of assistant stage manager with the same company, and after a few months of gaining valuable experience, he left the Worthing Repertory Company and spent the next 4 years working in other repertory companies all over England.

Finally in 1939, Cushing came to an important decision. Rumors abounded in London theatrical agencies about more opportunities in America, so the young actor accumulated his precious 50 pounds and de-





In **SHE** (1965), Cushing portrays the archeologist Holly who explores the caves of the Lost City of Kuma.



As a horrified observer looks on, Cushing, with a fiendish gleam in his eyes, adjusts some equipment in **THE EVIL OF FRANKENSTEIN** (Universal, 1964).

parted for the theatrical hinterlands of the United States. Arriving in New York City in mid-spring, Cushing immediately made the rounds of Broadway producers and agents but, unfortunately, was unable to dig up any new contacts. Undismayed, he bought a one-way train ticket to Hollywood, and after 2 weeks, was fortunate in securing a stand-in role in which Louis Hayward portrayed twin brothers. Though Cushing did not appear in the completed scenes because he was employed as the "dummy" during the split-screen technique, he was later rewarded with a "bit" role during the completion of the movie. Ironically, the director was James Whale who earlier directed Universal's "FRANKENSTEIN", a film Cushing would be associated with, years later.

After he had played small parts in "CHUMP AT OXFORD" (1940), "VIGIL IN THE NIGHT" (1940) and "THEY DARE NOT LOVE" (1941) in which he worked under Whale again, war was de-



Cushing is almost destroyed by Christopher Lee who plays the title role in Universal's 1959 version of **THE MUMMY**.



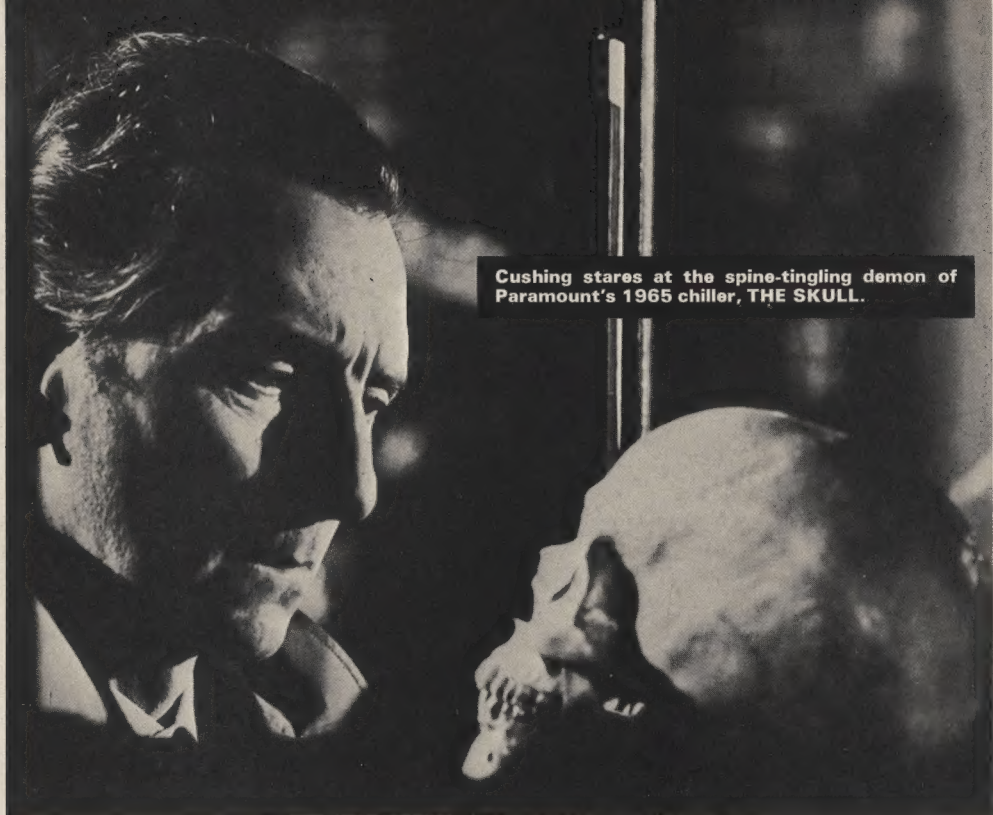
clared between England and Germany, causing Cushing and other members of the British colony in Hollywood to enlist. Despite a 4-F classification, his homesickness drove him back to New York. He found it impossible to obtain a ship to return home during wartime, however. Following a succession of

menial jobs (usher, night porter, parking lot attendant) and a short theatrical engagement which he completed in Montreal, Cushing hoarded his meager passage money and eventually reached Halifax. Despite the possible danger of traveling in mined waters, he took the place of a deserter on a former



Cushing (center) observes the movements of the Monster in the terror-packed film, **THE EVIL OF FRANKENSTEIN** (Universal, 1964).





Cushing stares at the spine-tingling demon of Paramount's 1965 chiller, **THE SKULL**.



banana boat and returned unharmed to England in early 1942.

After a short rest on his brother's farm, Cushing enlisted in the Entertainment Units and toured the military camps all over England. It was during the run of Coward's "PRIVATE LIVES" that he met and subsequently married his wife, Helen Beck. Cushing unhesitatingly claims that her encouragement and belief in his abilities were a constant source of strength during his lean periods, and regards all the success he ever achieved as due to her. During the next 10 years, Cushing's reputation slowly ascended as his stage credits increased, though at several periods, his personal fortunes remained at a low ebb. He painfully recalled that during one period, he did not even have enough money to buy his wife a Christmas present and so presented her with a homemade scarf the following morning.

In 1948, he was chosen for the role of Osric in Lawrence Olivier's film version of "HAM-

In this scene from Universal's **EVIL OF FRANKENSTEIN** (1964), Cushing (right) performs an experiment in his diabolical laboratory.



**Cushing prepares to end the life of a sleeping Jill Bennett in the spine-tingling movie, THE SKULL (Paramount, 1965).**



**Cushing's life is endangered by David Peel (left) in BRIDES OF DRACULA (Universal, 1960).**



**Cushing (left) starred in Universal's 1964 release, THE EVIL OF FRANKENSTEIN, in which the Monster was portrayed by Kiwi Kingston.**





As Cushing looks on, a bandage-swathed Frankenstein Monster takes some fearsome steps in Universal's **EVIL OF FRANKENSTEIN** (1964).

LET", and then joined Olivier's Old Vic Theatre which toured Australia and New Zealand for a year, playing Joseph Surphale in "SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL" and Clarence in "RICHARD III." After completing this assignment, illness struck him, leaving him unemployed. Upon complete recovery, Cushing discovered an absence of theatrical opportunities, and resourcefully undertook work in TV plays and accumulated nearly 3 dozen TV roles in 2 years, resulting in his garnering many awards as the Best Actor of the Year. But it was not until he appeared as Winchell Smith in the telecast of George Orwell's "1984" that he at last attained some genuine fragments of recognition.

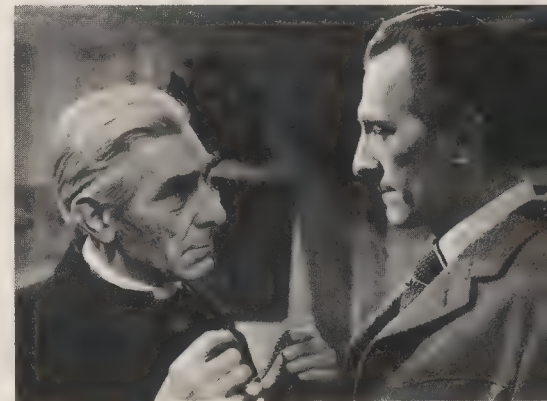
Though his stage work was his main interest, Cushing continued to accept film assignments. In one of these, "MOULIN ROUGE" (1953), another actor had a small role also; his name was Christopher Lee and in a few years, both actors would make horror history. But the time was not ripe yet. Cushing appeared in "THE BLACK NIGHT" (1954) starring Alan Ladd, "ALEXANDER THE GREAT" (1955), "MAGIC FIRE" (1956), "TIME WITHOUT PITY" (1956), and "THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN" (1957) in which he appeared as a scientist for the first time opposite Forrest Tucker. Despite his debut in a horror film, the synthetic, routine script caused Cushing fans to evaluate this film with a grain of salt. Cushing comments that during this period, he consid-

ered his appearance as Deborah Kerr's husband in "END OF THE AFFAIR" (1954) as his most satisfying role, and it also brought his name to the attention of the producers.

But the die had finally been cast in 1957 by director Terence Fisher when Cushing

was chosen for the role of Baron Frankenstein in Hammer's new color remake of Shelley's "FRANKENSTEIN", which had been filmed and had appeared in 8 sequels with success by Universal Pictures. In an effort to duplicate the success by of the original 1931 version, Fisher not only restored the film to its original geographical locale (Switzerland) and its early Victorian period, but eliminated carefully built-up mood and suggestion, and substituted shock and gory detail. Christopher Lee's portrayal of the Monster was hampered by the lack of the original Pierce-Karloff make-up, which was protected by Universal copyright (Lee's make-up was created by Phil Leakey.), and as a result, the new make-up suffered in comparison to Pierce's famous design, thus detracting interest from the main character. As a result, Cushing's Baron Frankenstein characterization overshadowed everybody else's roles in the cast. But despite the film's shortcomings, the vehicle made the current rash of mid-50's horror cycle ("HOW TO MAKE A MONSTER", "I WAS A TEEN-AGE FRANKENSTEIN") anemic by comparison. Released as "CURSE OF FRANKENSTEIN", it established Lee and Cushing as Britain's top horror stars, and was so financially successful in the United States that Hammer Films immediately planned new productions in the same formula.

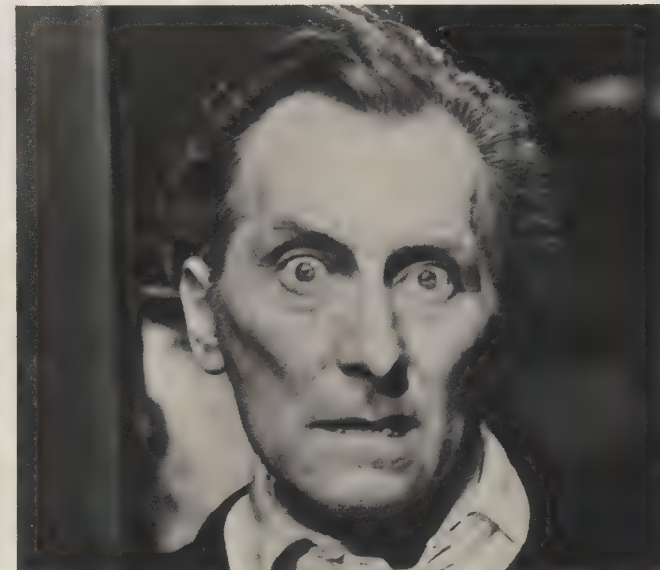
Cushing was then cast in Hammer's second re-make, Bram Stoker's "DRACULA", in which he inherited Edward Van Sloan's "Van Helsing" role. Hammer again lavishly used color and restored it to its original Victorian setting. Lee was again cast in the principal role and made an impressive, but unsuitable, Count Dracula. Though the film relied too much on shock, Cushing's crisp, deliberate performance and the fast-paced plot made it an improvement over their previous effort, and made the original 1931 ver-



Cushing appeared in an interesting role in Universal's 1960 production of **BRIDES OF DRACULA**.



Cushing (left) & Robert Urquhart hover over the body of the Frankenstein Monster (Christopher Lee) in **CURSE OF FRANKENSTEIN** (Warner Bros., 1957).



Fear and horror are etched on Cushing's face in this scene from Paramount's **THE SKULL** (1965). 13





Cushing and assistant subdue a violent Frankenstein Monster in the **EVIL OF FRANKENSTEIN** (Universal, 1964).



Cushing (right) looks on as still another victim is discovered in the **HORROR OF DRACULA** (Universal, 1958). Christopher Lee played the title role in this ghoulish re-make of the Stoker novel.

sion seem tame by comparison. But this new color version of "DRACULA" lacked the skillfully developed, genuine, supernatural atmosphere, not to mention superb special effects of the 1943 Universal sequel, "SON OF DRACULA", in which Lon Chaney Jr. etched an unforgettable portrait as Stoker's vampire. Nevertheless, released as "HORROR OF DRACULA" in 1958, the film surpassed the profits of its predecessor, and further affirmed Hammer's reputation as a possible successor to Universal Pictures. Cushing then appeared again as Dr. Frankenstein in a sequel, "REVENGE OF FRANKENSTEIN" (1959). Though Lee's fans were disappointed in his absence, Cushing's enthusiastic performance and the chance of seeing a predictable (except for the ending), if not inspired, further adventure of Dr. Frankenstein made the film worth viewing.

For a slight change of pace, Hammer cast Cushing as Sherlock Holmes in another remake, "HOUNDS OF THE BASKERVILLES" (1959), in which he was reunited with Christopher Lee—who, for once, didn't portray a monster but a potential victim, Henry Baskerville. Cushing's performance was impressive; possibly in this instance it was just another variation of Van Helsing. But diehard Rathbone fans preferred the original 1939 Fox version. But Cushing-Lee fans were in for a Grand Guignol treat later that same year when they were reunited in Hammer's remake of "THE MUMMY" (1959). Lee's make-up as the aged, undead Mummy was, for once, interesting, and the sets were enhanced by the Technicolor photography again, but the film failed to recapture the realistic flashbacks of ancient Egypt so brilliantly conceived in its original 1932 version and also neglected to duplicate its subtle mood. Though his participation in "BRIDES OF DRACULA" (1960) made it an interesting sequel, his successive roles in "NIGHT CREATURES" (1962), "THE GORGON" (1964), "EVIL OF FRANKENSTEIN" (1964), "SHE" (1965) (where he was reunited with Lee again), and his latest effort, "AND FRANKENSTEIN CREATED WOMAN" (1967) seem to betray a slow but sure deterioration in the qualities in which Hammer invested its scripts during the first three years of their serious "Gothic style" productions. At this writing, Cushing and Lee have just completed roles in a science fiction movie concerning an alien invasion titled "NIGHT OF THE BIG HEAT".

To many of his friends in the industry, Cushing is a kind, self-effacing individual



who likes to spend his free time away from the studios, indulging in his favorite hobbies, painting and raising tropical fish, in a country house he recently acquired in Whitesable, which he quietly shares with his wife.



**DR. TERROR'S HOUSE OF HORRORS** (Paramount, 1964) co-starred Christopher Lee & Roy Castle, & featured Cushing as Dr. Terror.



Cushing appears in this ghastly scene from the 1958 horror movie, **REVENGE OF FRANKENSTEIN** (Columbia).



Cushing (right) watches his companion's frightened reaction, as strapped to the table lies the Frankenstein Monster in **THE EVIL OF FRANKENSTEIN**, released in 1954 by Universal.

When queried about his constant appearances in horror films, Cushing replied that not only is his participation in films of this kind profitable, but adding that creating a "genuine mood of terror" is an art form in itself and that he personally finds it aesthetically satisfying.

In his most recently released film, "**ISLAND OF TERROR**", Cushing portrays a present-day scientist who risks his life in trying to destroy a bone-devouring silicate which was created accidentally during experiments seeking cancer cures on a lonely island. Needless to say, Cushing triumphs. So as far as his fans are concerned, it seems that the relentless Mr. Cushing intends to carry on the monster-fighting tradition of the late Edward Van Sloan who more than once cried upon recognizing some tell-tale signs of a strange, supernatural foe: "We must find it and destroy it!"





# THE WILD WEIRDOS' SCREAM-IN!

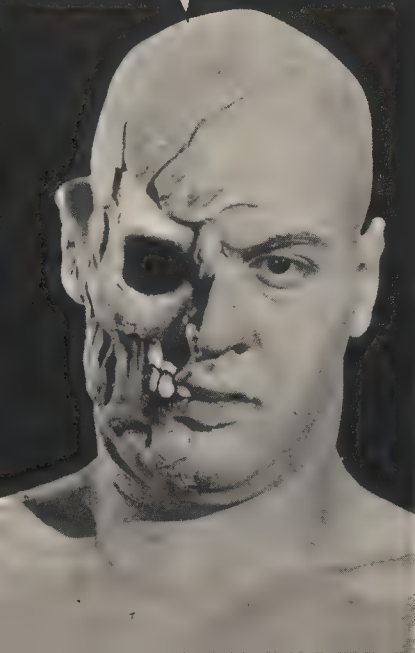




"Finished at last! Now to go find  
Henryk Toleslawski!"



"It's funny, but when I was playing college  
football, I seemed to block punts only with  
the right side of my face!"



"Sorry about that, Count Dracula!  
I didn't know you were developing  
film in there!"






# STEP RIGHT UP AND MEET THE NEW PRESIDENT OF TRANSYLVANIA'S CITY COUNCIL!



*A politician's politician is Fredrick "Kick-Back" Fleamishcreep, who believes that every citizen of Transylvania should have the good things in life: Things such as a vulture in every pot, a hearse in every garage and a roof over everyone's pointed head. Now as President of the City Council, Fred is fighting hard to see that those people's nightmares come true!*





"Don't scream,  
lady! I'm just  
trying to sell  
subscriptions  
for beauty  
magazines!"

# HOWLS AT MIDNIGHT

"You carhops are all alike!  
You always want a big tip!"



*F.M.O. now looks at Transylvania's highest-rated TV show. This program appears once a week on station Y.C.C.H. It's name is "Moanday Night At The Movies." This week's cinema chiller click is . . .*

# THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME

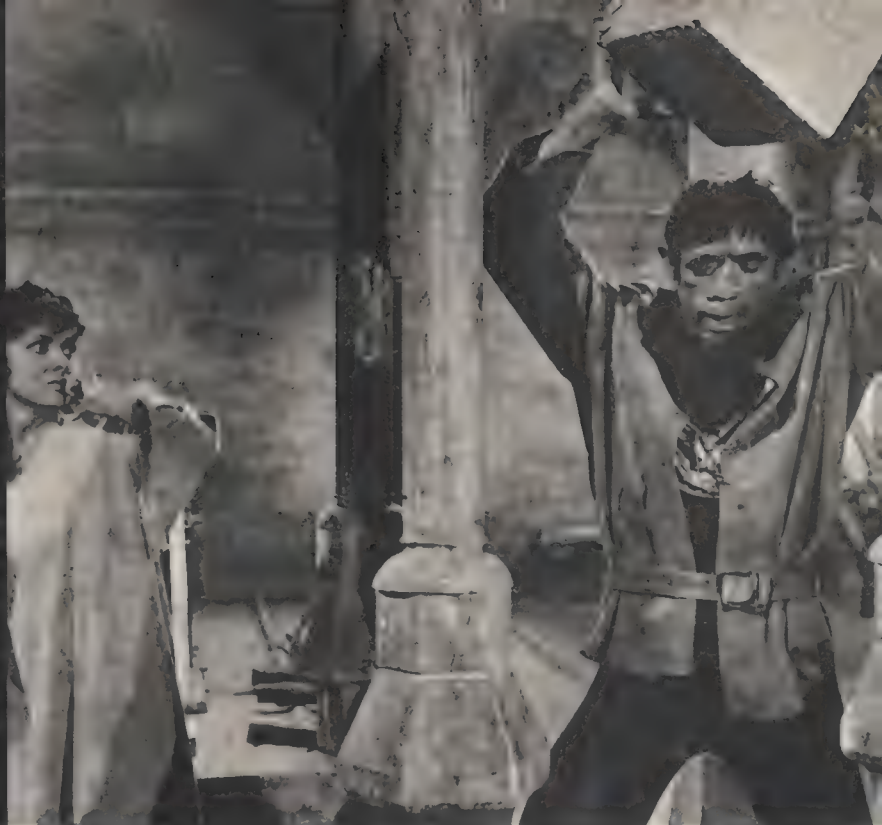


**STARRING**  
**GINA LOLLOBRIGIDA**  
**AND ANTHONY QUINN**  
(AN ALLIED ARTISTS PICTURE)

There were so many commercials on the night we watched the show that the movie opened with Gina listening to Tony playing the song "Don't Sleep In The Subway, Baby" on his rather large-sized bells. How she got up there, we don't know. (Maybe she's a tourist who got lost.)



Next was a break for commercials. Ten minutes later, we found Tony in a really angry mood. It seems Miss Lollobrigida wanted the hunchback to play "Melancholy Baby," but he's hated that song ever since the day he first played it on the Ted Mack Amateur Hour and came in last. (Even his mother didn't vote for him!)



Another twenty commercials were tossed in. When the picture came back on our set, Tony looked as if he were getting ready to throw Gina off the top of Notre Dame. He didn't, though. He was just doing his morning exercises.



Guess what— We saw another ten commercials before they would let us view the flick. Somehow, Tony was chained to a turning wheel. (This movie was cut up in more ways than a prize fighter!) Tony was a good sport about it all. When they unchained him, he killed half the townfolks.

Below: The next 32 minutes were spent watching another mess of commercials . . . We think the picture had a happy ending, but to tell the truth, we don't know what really happened. We got punchy from all those commercials. If you get a chance, go see "The Hunchback of Notre Dame"—but in a movie theatre. We hear it's stupendous!





# JUST GOOD FIENDS!



# QUICK QUIZ

Come on, gang! Time to find out how you stand as a monster. Grab a pencil and start right now. Let's hope you score big so that you can walk with your scarred and pointed head held high . . . There's the bell! Go get 'em, killer!

## HOW TO SCORE:

- 5 Correct—Great work, ghoul. You can consider yourself a super-duper monster.
- 4 Correct—Okay! Passing, but by the skin of your fangs.
- 3 Correct—You still passed. Better crack those books, though.
- 2 Correct—Hmmm! Write "Failure" on your tomb walls a thousand times.
- 1 Correct—Boy, are you dumb! Stay in your castle and study, study, study, fiend!



Here's a fellow who looks like he fell from his plane and made a one-point landing on his head. This happened in the movie:

- A. The Amazing Garbagemen Strike At Dawn
- B. Frankenstein Meets The Space Monster
- C. It Came From Outer Brooklyn
- D. Creature From The Supermarket



"Look, boss. Do I get the raise or not?" This was said by actor Rock Garden in the horror hit:

- A. Chamber Of Horrors
- B. The Phantom Of The Barber Shop
- C. It, Son Of What
- D. Dracula Meets Tiny Tim



"The face that launched a thousand screams" belongs to this mighty monster who appeared in the thriller:

- A. The Night The Swamp Burned Down
- B. The 90-Foot Pussycat Meows in St. Louis
- C. Blood Beast From Outer Space
- D. The Werewolf Gets Picked Up By The Dog Catcher



D.



Getting ready for another big basketball season are two star players for the Transylvania Things. They warmed up in the motion picture:

- A. Frankenstein Conquers The World
- B. The Curse Of Little Red Riding Hood
- C. 20,000 Leagues Under The Sink
- D. The Hunchback Of Notre Dame Drops A Pass

# HERE ARE THE ANSWERS

- A. Frankenstein Meets The Zombie Monster (B)
- B. Chamber Of Horrors (A)
- C. Blood Beast From Outer Space (C)
- D. Frankenstein Conquers The World (A)
- E. War Of The Colossal Beast (C)



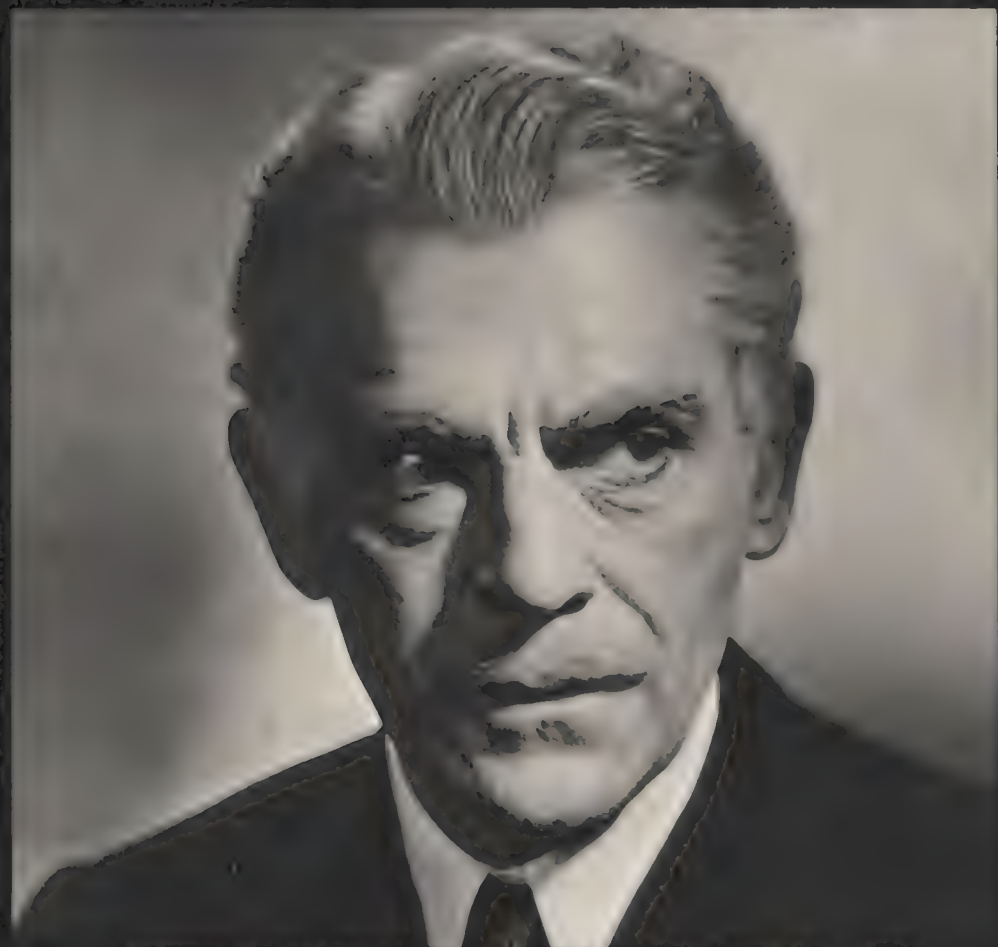
The sound of the alarm clock has just awoken this white-collar worker from a good night's sleep. The nightmare this took place in was:

- A. Journey To The Center Of The Pizza Shop.
- B. The Creeping Creep Creeps Again.
- C. War Of The Colossal Beast.
- D. Attack Of The Giant Meatballs

# KARLOFF & LUGOSI

## THE TITANS OF TERROR

by Richard Blythe



A portrait in evil is Boris Karloff in "DEVIL'S ISLAND" (Warner Bros., 1940).

To movie audiences of the '30's and '40's, Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi were acknowledged as the "team of terror." In fact, their successful association inspired many film producers to bill them via their sur-

names only—a distinction usually reserved for comedy teams. But while both their screen images have long been identified with menace, upon closer examination, their careers were hardly similar.



A sinister-looking Lugosi as he appeared in 1940 in "BLACK FRIDAY" (Universal).

Though both actors began their careers on the stage, their theatrical experience was different. In his Hungarian homeland, Lugosi earned the enviable reputation as one of the handsome leading men in the National

Theatre of Hungary, and though he began his film career in 1915 in Budapest, he considered himself primarily a stage actor. His roles in these silent melodramas ("DAUGHTERS OF THE NIGHT") were as the tradi-





Lugosi casts a menacing glance at Anne Nagel in "BLACK FRIDAY" (Universal, 1946-47), in which Karloff co-starred.



Here is a rare photo of Bela Lugosi as an 18-year-old student in Hungary. (Nothing menacing about him here!)

tional hero, but the director unconsciously let the camera linger on Lugosi's brooding eyes and features so as to exploit the latent menace of his personality. His film roles in these European films reflected the classical roles that he created on the stage (e.g., Romeo, Hamlet). One of his last tragic-hero European roles was Uncas in the German-made, "LAST OF THE MOHICANS."

Arriving in America in 1921, Lugosi gradually achieved formidable success on the Broadway stage—and an erratic film career. Film producers capitalized on his malevolent personality, and Lugosi found himself in a series of supporting, villainous roles ("THE MIDNIGHT GIRL" (1925) by Chadwick Films). Though the arrival of sound caused Lugosi's roles to diminish in size due to his faulty English, he still was enjoying the prestige of his stage success in "DRACULA," and was optimistic of more important roles to follow. (Eventually, Logosi was to make the film version, which ironically was the peak and climax of his career.)

By contrast, Karloff lacked the stage reputation Lugosi had; instead, he had only 10

precarious years of stock in Canada and the Northwest after leaving his native England. Often, to make ends meet, Karloff became a manual laborer, and this lasted till the mid-twenties. According to Karloff, his mo-

tion picture debut was as an extra in Douglas Fairbanks' "HIS MAJESTY THE AMERICAN" (1919). Like Lugosi, Karloff's sinister facade was exploited in melodramas, which roles like a Mexican bandit in



In "THE INVISIBLE RAY," which was released by Universal in 1936, Karloff portrayed a scientist who discovers a death-dealing substance; co-starring was Bela Lugosi (left).



Lugosi as the Frankenstein Monster in Universal's "FRANKENSTEIN MEETS THE WOLFMAN" (1943).





Karloff portrays a famed surgeon who turns to crime in Universal's "BLACK FRIDAY" (1946-47).

"CHEATED HEARTS" (1921) and "PARISIAN NIGHTS" (1925) where he portrayed a sinister Apache, illustrate.

The following year, he was cast in the important role of the mesmerist whose hypnotic powers causes the true murderer to confess in the filmization of the old Henry Irving play, "THE BELLS." Despite Karloff's success in his first fat role, and his first supernatural role to boot, the film did not create a stir for him. Over half a dozen films later, he reverted back to an extra in "TARZAN AND THE GOLDEN LION" (1927).

But Karloff's roles, unlike Lugosi's, slowly increased in size following the introduction of sound. His voice was a "natural" for talkies, though undisciplined. As a villainous half-breed in "THE SEA BAT" (1930), his sneering, over-done dialogue gave little indication of the skilled, sensitive actor he would eventually become. After Karloff's success in Whale's "FRANKENSTEIN" and Lugosi's "DRACULA," both actors earned consideration as the successors to the late Lon Chaney.

For a short space of time from Karloff's role as the brutal father in "THE MAD GENIUS" (1931) to his delicate but impressive performance as the Frankenstein Mon-

ster, Karloff's thespian abilities developed noticeably.

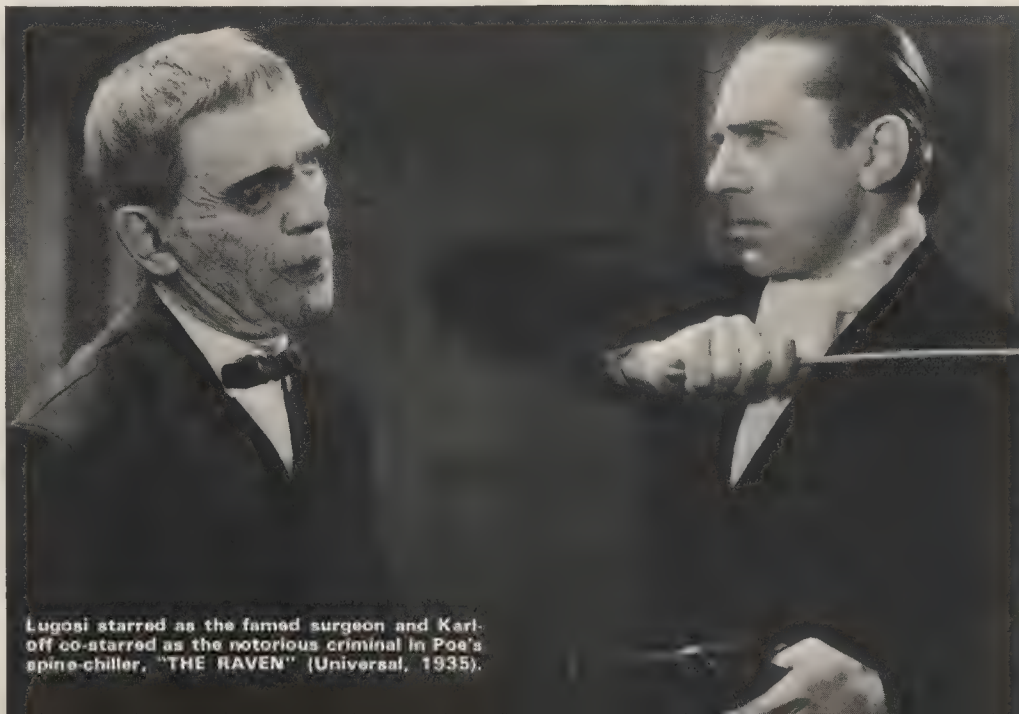
After his successful performances in "THE MUMMY" and "THE OLD DARK HOUSE," critics began to become aware of the fact that, like Chaney, Karloff had a knack of adding a touch of sympathy to his physical repulsiveness.

Lugosi's career, on the other hand, did not fare as well. Following starring roles in "MURDERS IN RUE MORGUE" (1932) and "WHITE ZOMBIE" (1932), Lugosi, disappointingly, appeared as a red herring and sometimes as a buffoon in trifles such as "DEATH KISS" (1933) and "INTERNATIONAL HOUSE" (1932) where W. C. Fields used him as a comic straight man. Even the serials ("THE WHISPERING SHADOWS" (1933) and "RETURN OF CHANDU" (1934) where he portrayed the hero!) did not add any distinction to his career.

Though Karloff wisely avoided poverty row "B's", a few unworthy roles overlapped into his credits such as "CHARLIE CHAN AT THE OPERA" (1936) and "THE INVISIBLE MENACE" (1938), but Karloff was a good enough actor to score as the religious fanatic in "THE LOST PATROL" (1934) and "HOUSE OF ROTHSCHILD" (1934). And yet fans must admit that Kar-



Conjuring up a diabolical plot is Bela Lugosi. Appearing with him in RKO's 1940 release, "YOU'LL FIND OUT," were Peter Lorre (left) and Boris Karloff (right).



Lugosi starred as the famed surgeon and Karloff co-starred as the notorious criminal in Poe's spine-chiller, "THE RAVEN" (Universal, 1935).

loff, at times, demonstrated his disdain for many of the "B's" that he later did in the fifties with his disappointing performances in "ABBOTT AND COSTELLO MEET DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE" (1953) and "VOODOO ISLAND" (1957), while Lugosi, though lacking Karloff's subtle style, never diluted his performance even when hopelessly mired in low-grade farce like "BELA LUGOSI MEETS A BROOKLYN GORILLA" (1953).

Following "WHITE ZOMBIE," the only really worthwhile roles Lugosi acquired during the '30's as his career slowly declined were his co-starring thrillers with Karloff. During the Carl Laemmle regime, Universal decided to team the "boys" in a series of Gothic chillers. Though "GIFT OF GAB" (1934) was technically speaking, their first film together, historians officially claim their successful teaming in "THE BLACK CAT" (1934) as their first and best film together. In this visually, stylish classic, Lugosi was cast in one of his few tragic-heroic but sinisterly ambiguous roles. Karloff shared equal billing and juicy footage as the professional Satan-worshiper whose evil intentions to offer the heroine as a sacrifice during a black mass are thwarted by Lugosi



who vindictively skins Karloff (with the aid of servant Harry Cording) alive!

The following year, they were co-starred in "THE RAVEN" (1935). Though the film contained more of Poe than their previous film, the vehicle resembled a serial on the verge of self-parody as played in bravura style by Lugosi who was a mad surgeon obsessed by Edgar Allan Poe. Karloff, this time, occupied the lesser role to Lugosi for the only time in his career. Following an operation where Karloff is hideously disfigured by Lugosi in order to personally carry out the latter's revenge on the heroine and her

Lugosi and Karloff join in a reign of terror and murder in "SON OF FRANKENSTEIN" (Universal, 1939).

father via Lugosi's torture devices in his cellar, the reluctant Karloff turns on his master who ironically expires in his own torture devices.

After this film, Karloff's roles were always dominant to Lugosi's. Their next film was an interesting example. Though bearing an unusual resemblance to the science-fiction thrillers of the fifties, "THE INVISIBLE RAY" (1936) featured Lugosi and Karloff as sympathetic scientists until the latter be-



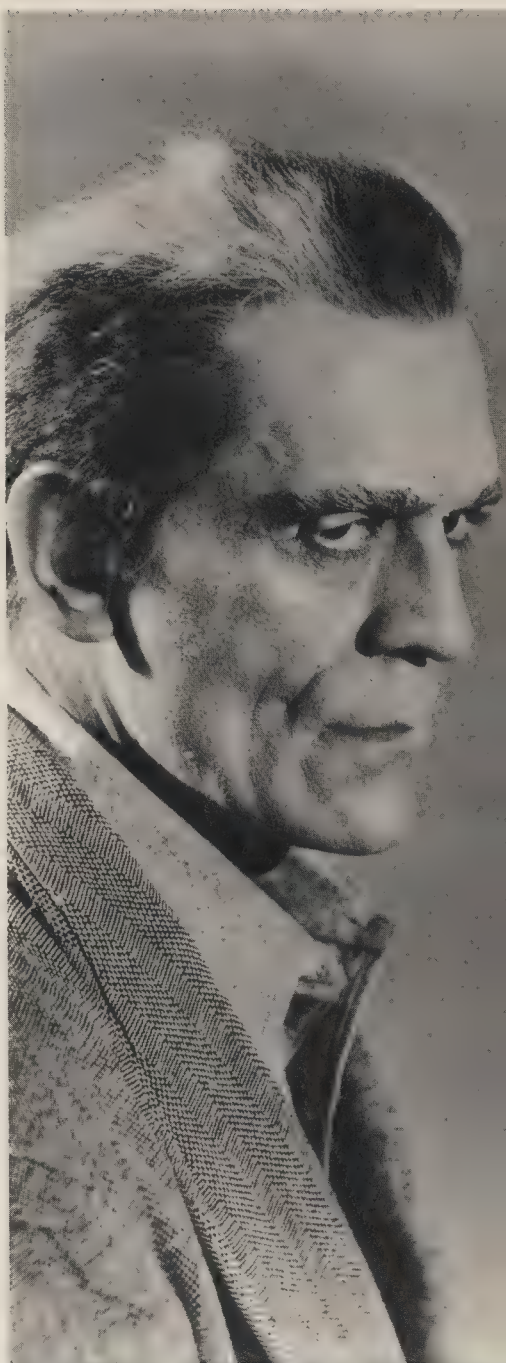
comes contaminated by radiation whose very touch is death. Curiously, Lugosi was killed by the crazed Karloff just before the latter "melted" away into nothingness at the conclusion.

"SON OF FRANKENSTEIN" (1939) saw them as they were never so better matched together for the last time. Lugosi's performance as Igor, the Monster's (Karloff) protector and friend, was superb. And Karloff's portrayal of the Monster (for the last time) was as a cold, murdering brute whose restrained affection was occasionally aroused by Igor and Baron Frankenstein's baby son.

In their last Universal film together, "BLACK FRIDAY" (1940), they shared equal billing in this interesting variation of the Jekyll and Hyde theme, but the true star was Stanley Ridges who effectively played a dual personality. Aside from the fact that Karloff and Lugosi had no scenes together, the latter's miscasting as a gangster was temporarily distracted by studio publicity which focused on Lugosi's "hypnotic" preparation which was to add "realism" to his death scene. In their next film that year, Karloff and Lugosi shared equal billing with Peter Lorre in a Kay Keyser horror spoof, "YOU'LL FIND OUT" for RKO. Their sinister performances added meat to an otherwise routine mixture of lowbrow comedy and music.

In their last film together, "THE BODY SNATCHER" (1945), which turned out to be one of the best Val Lewton chillers, Lugosi was relegated to a small but effective role, though he and Karloff were billed as the stars of the film. Henry Daniell (who scored magnificently in one of his few worthwhile roles) as the idealistic, tortured doctor and Karloff as the menacing grave-robber were the real stars of the film. Aside from his extremely interesting performance as Dr. Neimann in Universal's "HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN" (1944), Karloff's portrayal of a coachman whose public behavior of being kind to children and horses contrasts sharply with his private persecution of the decent doctor to whom he furnishes cadavers, was his last, solid horror role of the decade.

As the horror cycle dwindled during the post-war years, Karloff's appearances in mysteries and satires like "LURED" (1947) and "DICK TRACEY MEETS GRUESOME" (1947), revealed an unknown talent for self-satirization. His performances in "UNCONQUERED" (1947) and "TAP ROOTS" (1948) displayed a facility for straight roles also. Lugosi, unfortunately, following his successful recreation of his



In 1936, Karloff appeared in Warner Brothers' terror-packed film, "THE WALKING DEAD."

Dracula characterization in Universal's excellent satire, "ABBOTT AND COSTELLO MEET FRANKENSTEIN" (1948), found himself in a similar situation during the decline of the horror cycle a decade earlier. Producers considered Lugosi's personality

too limited to be considered for anything outside horror films. Consequently, Lugosi found himself typecast and out of work. Aside from rare film roles which were usually unworthy of his talents, Lugosi would resort to personal appearances in movie



Getting together for a gathering of the ghouls on the set of Universal's "ABBOTT & COSTELLO MEET FRANKENSTEIN" (1948) are Bela Lugosi and Glen Strange (right).





Lugosi (left) and Karloff (kneeling) appeared in their first film together in 1934 in "GIFT OF GAB" (Universal).

theatres where he would parody himself following a showing of one of his inferior films. During the resurgence of the horror film in the early fifties, projects were considered concerning teaming them together, but unfortunately, they never came to pass.

Despite Lugosi's erratic career as compared to Karloff's, historians realized that Lugosi was a better actor than was realized, despite his limitations as a personality and a businessman. Possibly, if Lugosi's pre-talkie

period would have been solidified, his career would have been a happier one. Be that as it may, evaluation of both their careers reveals that each of their careers was not exploited properly. But the portion of films which they did create—such as "THE BLACK CAT," "THE RAVEN," "SON OF FRANKENSTEIN," will remain to historians as a serious contribution, unequalled in cinema history. •

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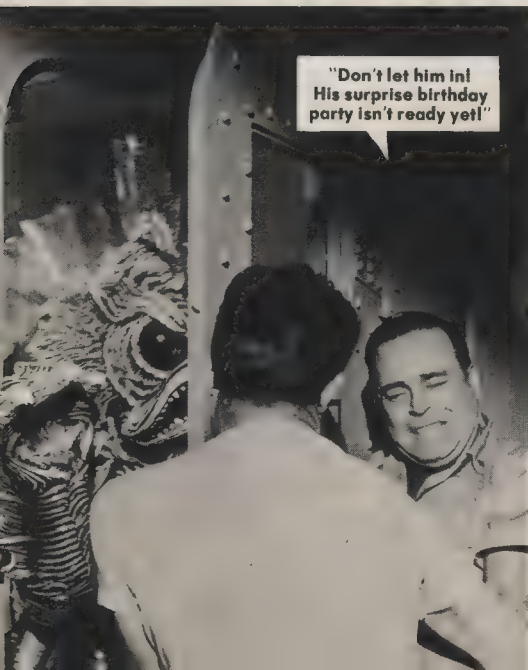


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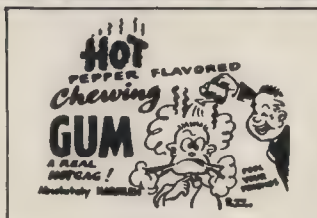
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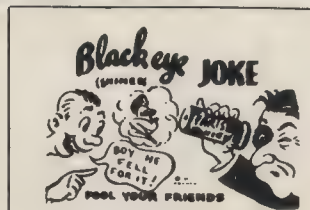
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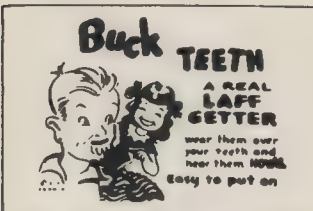
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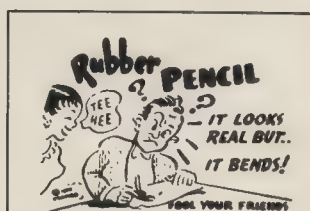
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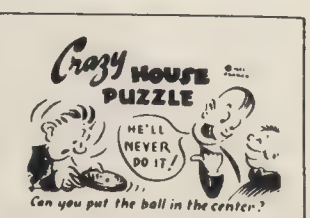
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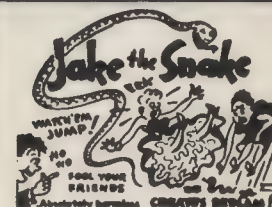
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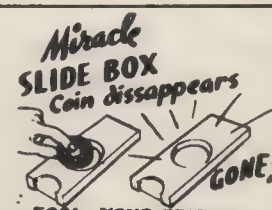


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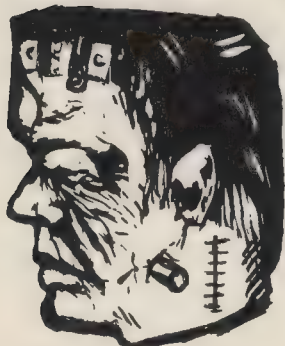
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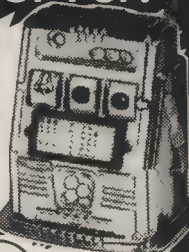
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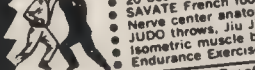
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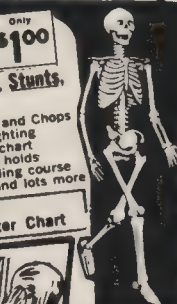


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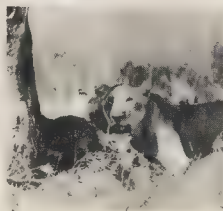
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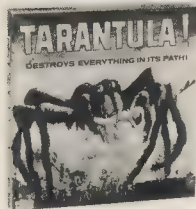
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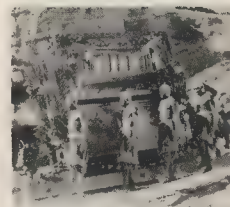
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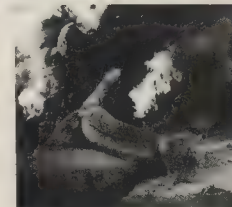
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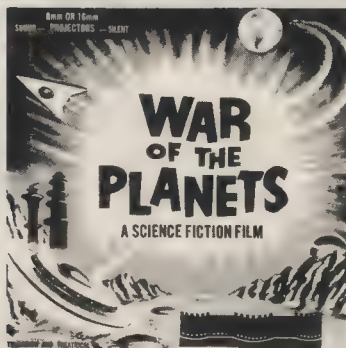
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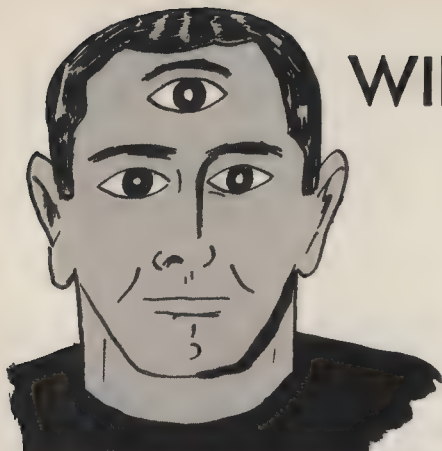
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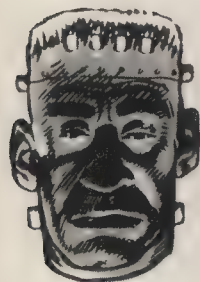
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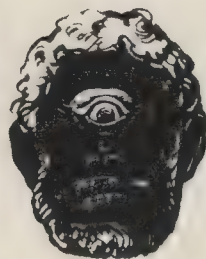
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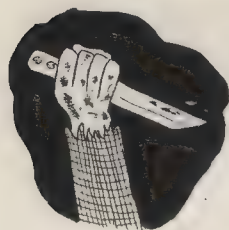
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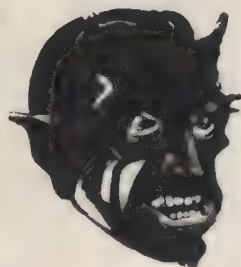
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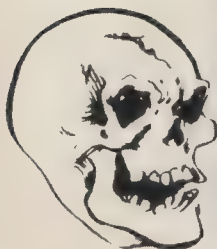
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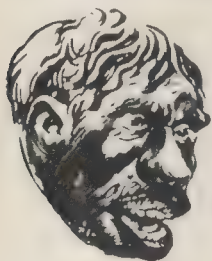


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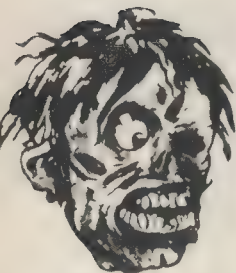
Covers head. This horrifying, heavy, rubber mask reaches the heights in the creative genius of mask-making. Painstakingly painted and generously decorated with hair. Sure to startle anyone who sees it.

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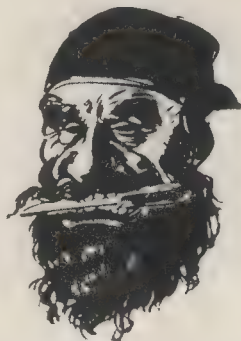
A hairy masterpiece in the field of terror. Black hair and a full set of sharp, ape teeth. A truly terrifying creation. When the gals see you wearing this one, they'll go ape over you!

## HORROR ZOMBIE



The zombie walks again when you wear this mask of mystery. Made of heavy latex rubber. Grave-yard green skin, twisted teeth and black hair.

## BLACKBEARD THE PIRATE



A big, black beard, a knife gripped between it's teeth, and a blood-red bandana on top of its frightful-looking head. Eerie sight. Sure to scare your friends out of their wits.

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# THE SECRET FILES OF MARC VANGORO MASTER OF HORROR!

Terror springs from typewriter! I deal in words dripping with eerie horror and shocking secrets! The unspeakable, the forbidden, the grotesque... these are the grisly themes my gory imagination conjures up to curdle your blood in your veins! And speaking of blood, that is the loathsome lore I will serve you now... as we follow the mad machinations of the world's most frightful fiend. From the files I bring forth the greatest of my *CHILLING CLASSICS*! Prepare for a fantastic feast of fearful fury called...



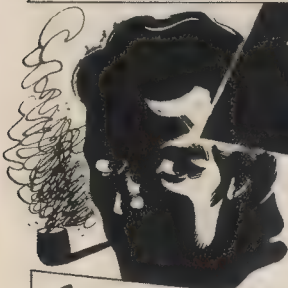


The town of **STARKENDORF**, in Transylvania... as a girl one night hurried home alone. Suddenly, she drew up in alarm at the hideous sight she saw winging-toward her...



Was it human, the huge bat-like form that flapped down from the sky like a winged demon,

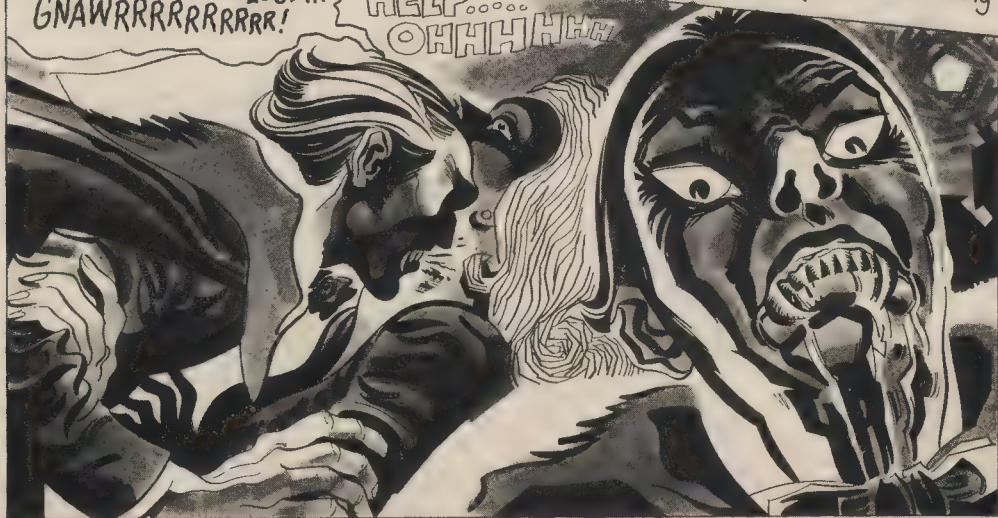
AH! I SHALL FEAST NOW!



With hunger-lust in his bestial face, the horrid creature sank its pitiless fangs into the soft white throat... Drooling, the slaving human monster drank deep of forbidden tastes!

BLOOD...FRESH BLOOD...  
GNAWRRRRRRRRR!

HELP...  
OHHHHHHH



The tenth victim in a month...and the frightened townspeople could only stare helplessly at the nearby castle, wondering what kind of horror had been unleashed in their quiet lives

WHAT BLACK ARTS DOES **COUNT DRAGULA** PRACTICE? SINCE HE MOVED IN, THE TERROR BEGAN AND FILLS EACH NIGHT!

THE MAYOR HAS CALLED IN THE POLICE! THEY WILL ARRIVE SOON!

THAT NIGHT, AFTER HEARING THE WEIRD TALE, THE BAND OF POLICE SURROUNDED THE CASTLE...

OUR MEN ARE SEARCHING THE CASTLE BUT WHAT IS TAKING SO LONG? WHY DO THEY NOT BRING OUT THIS COUNT DRAGULA? HE COULD NOT ESCAPE THIS TRAP!

BUT WHEN THE BAFFLED INSPECTOR AND HIS CHIEF LIEUTENANT EMERGE FROM THE DOORS...

HE FLEW THE COOP! WHAT DARK MAGIC POWERS DOES HE POSSESS? I'M AFRAID THE POLICE ARE HELPLESS... EH?

QUITE CORRECT, INSPECTOR!

A MILD-LOOKING MAN WITH A STRANGE BLACK SATCHEL STEPPED OUT FROM BEHIND A TREE, SQUINTING HIS EYES BEHIND HIS SPECTACLES AS HE SPOKE GRIMLY...

YOUR WEAPONS ARE USELESS AGAINST COUNT DRAGULA! I HAVE FOLLOWED HIM FOR YEARS NOW AND KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE IS... THE MOST DANGEROUS ENEMY KNOWN TO MANKIND... **A VAMPIRE!**

Y-VAMPIRE! I HEARD OF SUCH UNHOLY CREATURES! BUT HOW CAN YOU DEFEAT HIM?

I HAVE WAYS! BUT NOW I HAVE LOST HIS TRAIL AGAIN! HMM... I THINK HE KNOWS I WILL TRACK HIM DOWN IN TIME, HERE IN TRANSYLVANIA! HE WILL SEEK ANOTHER LAND FAR AWAY!... AND I HAVE A HUNCH WHICH ONE! WE WILL MEET THERE!



DAYS LATER, AT A REAL ESTATE OFFICE SOMEWHERE  
IN AMERICA...

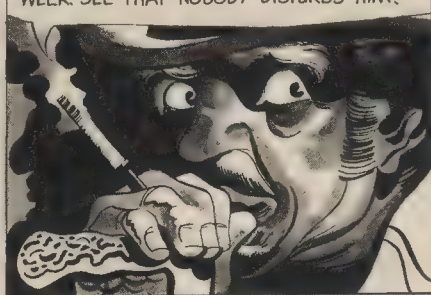
I REPRESENT COUNT...  
ER... WORLOKI OF  
TRANSYLVANIA. I WISH  
TO RENT A CASTLE  
FOR HIM!

CASTLE? BUT... UH... WELL,  
I'LL SHOW YOU A BIG BUILDING  
FOR SALE HERE, WITH MANY  
ROOMS. YOU MIGHT... EH... CALL  
IT A CASTLE. LET ME SHOW YOU.



RETURNING FROM THE TENEMENT WITH  
MANY ROOMS...

FINE, FINE! I WILL RENT  
THAT CASTLE FOR COUNT WORLOKI. I WILL  
TAKE POSSESSION TONIGHT. THE COUNT  
WILL MOVE HIS BELONGINGS LATER THIS  
WEEK. SEE THAT NOBODY DISTURBS HIM!



THAT  
NIGHT, A  
DARK FIGURE  
STRODE  
THROUGH  
THE EMPTY  
TENEMENT  
BUILDING,  
ENGAGED  
IN A STRANGE  
OCCUPATION...

CURSED MIRRORS! THESE AMERICANS  
HAVE TOO MANY, BUT THE COUNT ORDERED  
ME TO SMASH-COVER OR PUT AWAY EVERY  
ONE BEFORE HE ARRIVES.



THEN, AN EERIE PROCESSION OF WAGONS  
DELIVERED 50 COFFINS...

EACH HOLDS  
THE SOIL OF  
YOUR  
NATIVE  
LAND,  
MASTER!

GOOD!  
HAVE THEM  
STORED IN  
THE BASE-  
MENT!

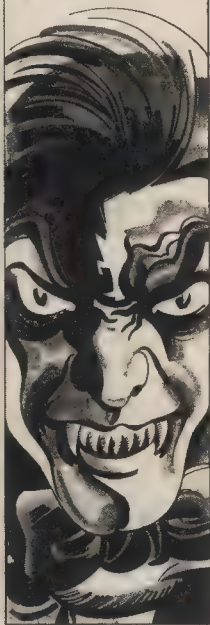




And as the first ray of dawn speared through the windows, Count Worloki... or **COUNT DRAGULA**... hastened to rest in one of the coffins. A vampire is powerless during the day and can only carry on his loathsome preying between sunset and sunrise.



TONIGHT! TONIGHT  
WHEN THE SUN  
GOES DOWN I  
WILL SEEK OUT  
MY FIRST VICTIMS  
IN AMERICA!



MEANWHILE, DR. VON YEAGER WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY SECRET AGENTS WHOM HE HAD NOTIFIED.

WE HAVE GATHERED ALL  
THE AGENTS YOU REQUESTED,  
DR. VON YEAGER.

EXCELLENT, SIR!  
LET ME TALK TO  
THEM IN COMPLETE  
SECRET!



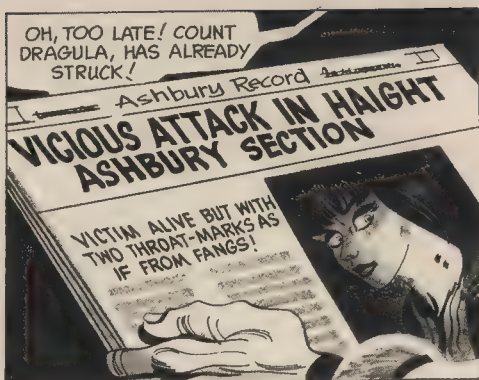
IN A SECURITY-GUARDED CHAMBER, AGENTS OF THE FBI, CIA INTERPOL AND SECRET SERVICE LISTENED IN GROWING HORROR TO THE GREAT EXPERT IN PARA-PHENOMENA.

I KNOW IT IS  
HARD TO BELIEVE, GENTLEMEN, THAT SUCH CREA-  
TURES AS VAMPIRES EXIST, SEEKING THEIR BLOOD-  
FOOD. THEIR FANGS ALWAYS LEAVE TWO WOUNDS  
IN THE VICTIM'S THROAT, LIKE THIS, I WARN YOU,  
THIS IS A DANGEROUS ASSIGNMENT.

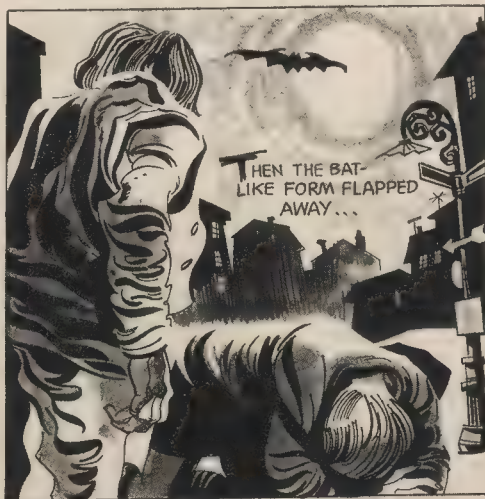




AFTER THE MEETING BROKE UP...



BUT THE SHAGGY BEAST METAMORPHOSE BEFORE THE GIRL'S STARING EYES, TAKING ON HUMAN FORM IN THE MISTY MOONLIGHT, AND THEN...



THEN THE GIRL AROSE AND...



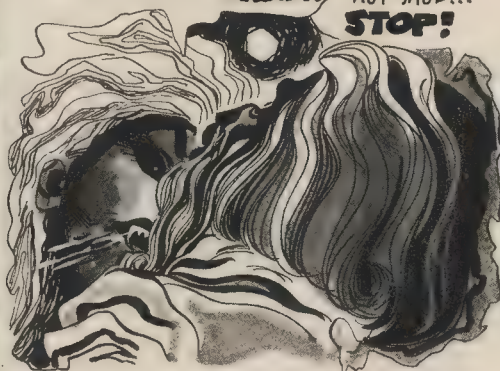
BLOOD! FRESH, WARM BLOOD!  
I CRAVE IT... YEARN FOR IT  
...THIRST FOR IT!

HEY, SWITCH  
OFF, CHICK!  
WH-WHERE ARE  
YOU BLASTING  
TO?

...BECAME A VAMPIRE HERSELF FOR THAT IS  
THE HORRID HERITAGE FROM THE BITE OF COUNT  
DRACULA...

RED, SALTY BLOOD!  
I MUST HAVE IT... **ARGHH!**

...NO! IT'S  
NOT MOD...  
**STOP!**



AFTER THE DEED WAS DONE, THEY FOLLOWED A  
SILENT COMMAND AND WALKED LIKE ZOMBIES TO  
THE BASEMENT OF A "CASTLE," JOINING OTHER VIC-  
TIMS OF DRAGULA...



HI, CATS! HERE'S YOUR NEW PAD.  
GROOVY, EH? OLD FANG-TEETH HERE  
HAS PROMISED US A BALL EACH NIGHT  
AS WE HUNT IN PACKS!

**WELCOME!**

CHOOSE  
A COFFIN,  
IT IS ALMOST  
SUNRISE!



HMM... SOME  
PAD! PLAIN  
BLACK DIRT!

BUT SOFT,  
CHICK! AND IF  
THE WORMS LIKE  
IT, WHO ARE YOU  
TO KICK? SHUT  
YOUR TRAP AND  
CLOSE YOUR LID!  
G'NIGHT... I MEAN,  
GOOD DAY!



PROWLING THE STREETS OF **HAIGHT ASHBURY** EACH NIGHT,  
DR. VON YEAGER KNEW HE WAS ON THE RIGHT TRACK...

YES, DOCTOR. A DOZEN  
PEOPLE HAVE VANISHED...  
YET WE NEVER FIND A  
CORPSE!

NO, BECAUSE THEY BECOME ONE OF  
THE **UNDEAD** WHO ARISE FROM THE  
THEIR COFFINS EACH SUNSET FOR  
THEIR GHOULISH FEASTS OF BLOOD.  
AND AS VAMPIRES, THEY GAIN EX-  
TRAORDINARY NEW POWERS UNKNOWN  
TO LIVING MORTALS...





# PART II VAMPIRE HUNT '69

Dr. Von Yeager knew it would be a matter of time before he would find the Vampire nest — !



WE MUST BE CAREFUL, AS VAMPIRES, THEY HAVE EXTRAORDINARY POWERS, FOR INSTANCE, COUNT DRAGULA THE VAMPIRE CAN FLY WITH BAT-LIKE WINGS...

AND CHANGE INTO A MOTH...

OR SHRINK INTO A TINY FORM...  
OR BECOME A GIANT.

INTO A WOLF...

TO AVOID PURSUIT, HE CAN SUMMON FORTH STORMS AND FOGS...

OR COMMAND A HORDE OF RATS...

## DRAGULA

SEES IN THE DARK. IF CORNERED, HE CAN VANISH FROM SIGHT. AS A VAMPIRE HE THROWS NO SHADOW AND HAS NO MIRROR-IMAGE.

IT WILL NOT BE LONG MY FRIEND  
**COUNT DRAGULA!**

GOOD HEAVENS!  
HOW CAN YOU FIGHT  
POWERS LIKE THAT?

MY WEAPONS ARE  
IN MY BAG... WEAPONS  
UNKNOWN TO YOU  
IN YOUR PURSUIT OF  
ORDINARY CRIMINALS.  
COME, WE'LL CONTINUE  
COMBING THE **HAIGHT  
ASHBURY** SECTION FOR  
DRAGULA'S "HIDEOUT!"

BUT **COUNT DRAGULA** HAD DECIDED  
TO STRIKE AT HIS GREATEST ENEMY WHO WAS  
AGAIN HOUNDING HIM UNCOMFORTABLY, AND SUDDENLY...

FOOLS! YOUR VAMPIRE HUNT-  
HAS ONLY LED TO... **YOUR  
DEATH!**  
**ARGHHHHH!**

OOF!  
COUNT  
DRAGULA  
HIMSELF!

THE FBI MAN OPENED FIRE,  
ONLY TO MEET A GHASTLY SHOCK!

YOUR WEAPONS  
ARE USELESS, I TOLD  
YOU. MY WEAPONS  
ARE NEEDED,  
SUCH AS...

I-I POURED A  
DOZEN SLUGS INTO HIM  
B-BUT... **GASP!... HE  
KEEPS COMING!**

**BLAM!  
BLAM!**

...THE  
SILVER  
CRUCIFIX!

**YEAAAAAA!**

YES, BOTH THE METAL SILVER AND THE SIGN  
OF THE CROSS WERE CHARMS AGAINST THE  
VAMPIRE, PLUS ONE OTHER ITEM...

**NO!  
NO!**

GARLIC LEAVES!  
IF I CAN JUST  
TOUCH HIM WITH  
THEM AND RENDER  
HIM POWERLESS...



BUT THE WILY DRAGULA ADOPTED ONE OF HIS EERIE FORMS  
TO ESCAPE FROM VON YEAGER'S POTENT "WEAPONS"...

LOOK! H-HE CHANGED INTO A BAT!



HE WILL NOT BE EASY TO  
CORNER. I'LL CALL THE  
ENTIRE SECRET AGENT  
GROUP HERE TOMORROW  
NIGHT!

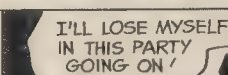
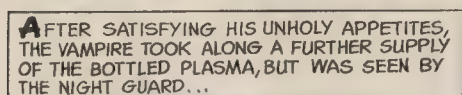
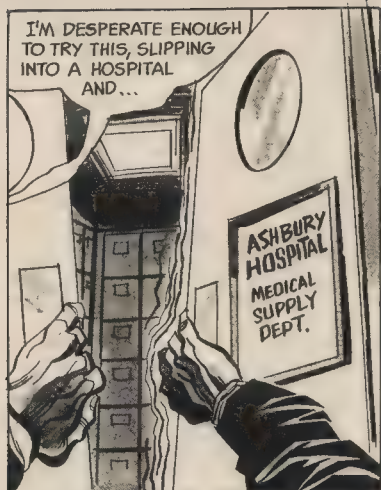
AND THE NEXT NIGHT, WITH THE STREETS OF **HAIGHT ASHBURY** PATROLLED BY THE ALERT  
VIGILANTES, COUNT DRAGULA FOUND HIMSELF CUT OFF FROM FURTHER PREY.

CURSES! SECRET  
AGENTS ALL OVER THE  
PLACE, WITH SILVER  
CROSSES!



AND WITH  
SPRIGS OF  
GARLIC!

HUNT  
DOWN  
DRAGULA!







WITH THE POLICE OFF HIS TRAIL DRAGULA RETURNED SAFELY TO HIS LAIR WITH THE REST OF HIS GRUESOME BOOTY.



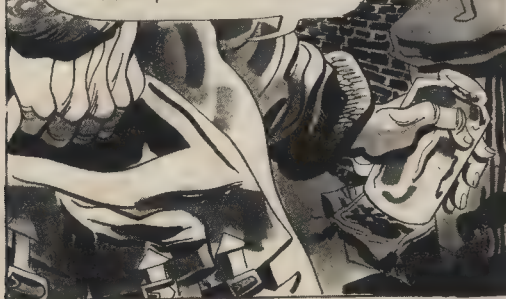
AFTER THE UNSPEAKABLE "ORGY" WAS OVER...

THE FIRST RAYS OF DAWN! HURRY, INTO THE COFFINS FOR THE DAY, ALL OF YOU. IF YOU HAVE HAD TOO MUCH, YOU CAN SLEEP IT OFF.



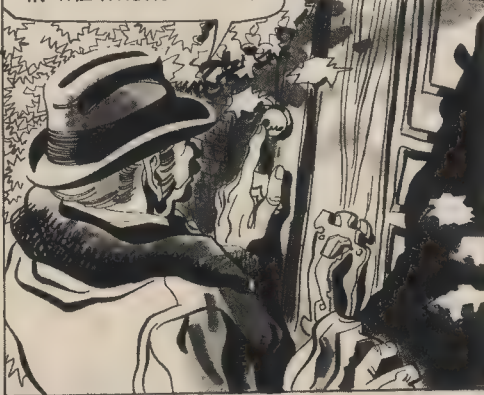
DURING THE DAY, WHILE ALL VAMPIRES WERE INACTIVE, DR. VON YEAGER'S TIRELESS SEARCH BROUGHT HIM TO AN ALLEY BEHIND THE TENEMENT-CASTLE, AND...

HMM...ONE OF THE BLOOD-PLASMA CANS STOLEN FROM THE HOSPITAL LAST NIGHT! HAVE I STUMBLED ON THE BIG CLUE TO DRAGULA'S HEADQUARTERS OF HORROR? I'LL CHECK FIRST, THIS EVENING...



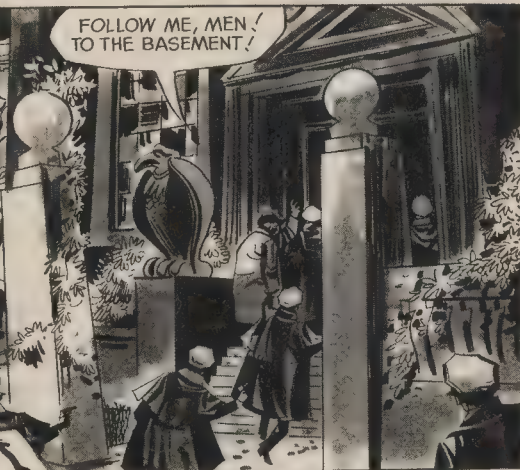
THAT EVENING, JUST AFTER SUNSET...

ANY SORT OF DISGUISE WILL DO, TO GET IN. I DON'T WANT TO CALL A GENERAL RAID IN THE WRONG PLACE.

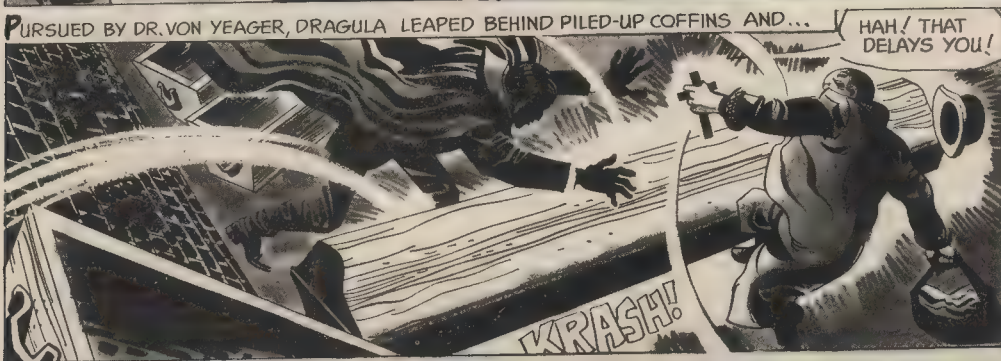




AND PRECISELY AT SUNSET THE NEXT DAY, VON YEAGER'S ENTIRE BAND STRUCK AT THE HIRED ABODE OF THE VAMPIRE MASTER.

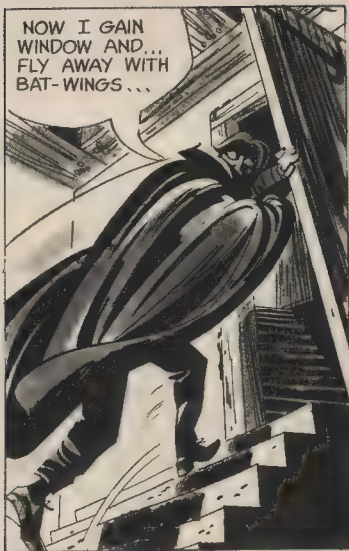






NOW I GAIN  
WINDOW AND...  
FLY AWAY WITH  
BAT-WINGS...

...ULPS! A-G-GARLIC SPRIG!...



NO, I-I'LL TURN TINY... OR INVISIBLE... *ULK!*

NOT IF I SPRINKLE YOU WITH  
GARLIC LEAVES! THAT RENDERS  
ALL YOUR DARK POWERS USELESS!





**THEN, AS THE SILVER  
CRUCIFIX TOUCHED THE  
VAMPIRE...**



HE BLACKED OUT! NOW,  
THERE IS ONE MORE TASK  
TO DO...GRUESOME BUT  
NECESSARY! HAND ME THE  
TOOLS FROM MY BLACK  
BAG!



**YES, ONE  
MORE GLUM  
TASK! THE  
POUNDING  
OF A Mallet...  
A SHARPENED  
STAKE  
DRIVEN INTO  
AN UNDEAD  
HEART...  
THEN, AND  
THEN ONLY,  
WAS**

**COUNT  
DRAGULA**

THE VAMPIRE  
LAID TO REST  
FOREVER,



MY FILES CLOSE ON ONE  
TALE OF TERROR... BUT  
THEY WILL OPEN AGAIN ON  
ANOTHER PHANTASMAGORIA  
OF FEAR AND FIENDISHNESS  
NEXT TIME!  
JOIN ME...  
IF YOU DARE!



HORROR  
MACABRE

**SHRIeking  
TALES**

**THE  
END**



"Here comes my blind  
date . . . OOOPS! There  
she goes, running  
the other way!"

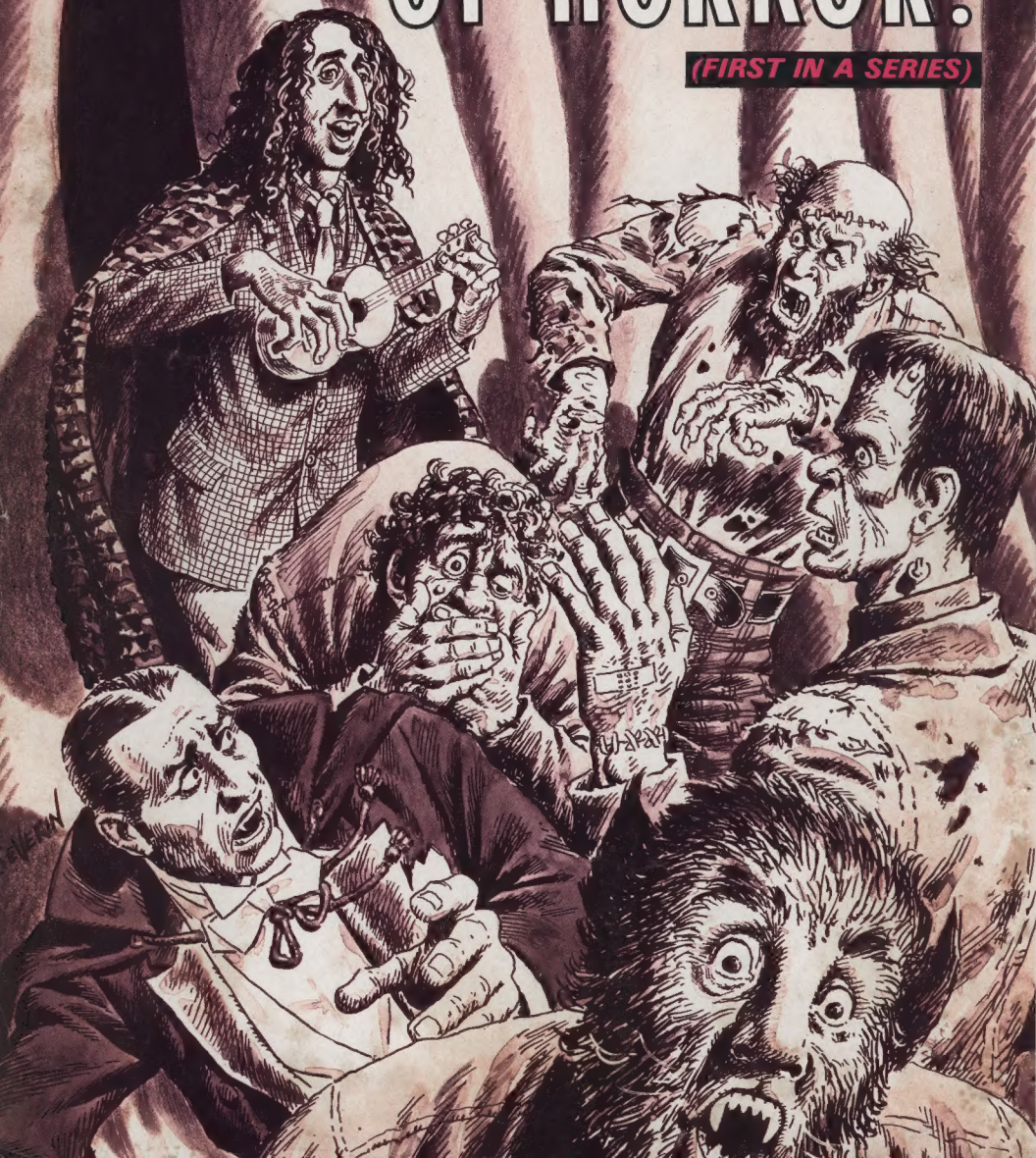




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